LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JULY 19, 1952

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Juventus	15	12	3	0	56	15	27
Brighton	16	11	3	2	55	33	25
J.U.S.T.	13	8	4	1	51	20	20
Box Hill	16	8	3	5	41	32	19
Park Rangers	16	6	2	8	33	32	14
Yallourn	14	6	1	7	32	32	13
Prahran	16	5	3	8	34	58	13
Footscray City	15	2	4	9	19	42	8
South Yarra	15	1	5	9	15	42	7
Sunshine United	16	2	2	12	22	52	6

Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Moreland	15	14	0	1	93	17	28
Melb. Hakoah	16	14	0	2	83	26	28
Inter. Harvester	16	8	1	7	24	43	17
Sandringham City	16	7	2	7	47	42	16
Preston	14	7	1	6	35	27	15
South Melbourne	16	6	0	10	36	42	12
Sunshine City	16	5	2	9	30	45	12
F.N.D.	16	5	2	9	22	54	12
George Cross	15	5	0	10	22	53	10
Coburg United	16	3	0	13	25	68	6

Third Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Polonia	16	16	0	0	78	7	32
Moorabbin City	16	9	3	4	40	21	21
Fairfield	15	10	0	5	42	28	20
Ulsterville	15	9	1	5	43	22	19
White Eagles	13	7	4	2	48	24	18
Williamstown	16	7	2	7	23	28	16
University	15	4	3	8	28	45	11
Woodlands	15	3	0	12	7	46	6
Royal Caledonians	16	2	1	13	17	64	5
Olympic	15	1	2	12	12	53	4

Fairfield v. White Eagles abandoned after 30 minutes' play.

Fourth Division

Maccabi	14	12	0	2	67	21	24
Frankston	14	10	1	3	64	19	21
Dandenong	14	10	1	3	58	23	21
Slavia	13	9	0	4	38	21	18
Maribyrnong	13	8	1	4	42	30	17
Apollo	13	8	1	4	33	27	17
Ringwood	14	4	2	8	26	31	10
R.A.A.F.	12	3	1	8	16	43	7
Victoria Police	14	2	2	10	21	63	6
Union Jack	15	3	0	12	17	79	6
Heidelberg	14	1	1	12	14	49	3

Heidelberg v. R.A.A.F. result was not telephoned.

RESERVE LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JULY 19, 1952

First Division

Juventus	16	12	3	1	58	24	27
Park Rangers	15	9	3	3	63	22	21
Yallourn	15	9	2	4	43	26	20
Brighton	16	9	1	6	68	33	19
Box Hill	15	7	2	6	49	33	16
South Yarra	15	6	3	6	42	33	15
Prahran	14	6	2	6	31	44	14
Footscray City	16	5	0	11	25	45	10
Sunshine United	15	4	0	11	29	69	8
J.U.S.T.	13	0	0	13	7	88	0

Prahran v. J.U.S.T. not played.

Second Division

Moreland	15	14	1	0	64	8	29
Hakoah	14	10	1	3	52	16	21
Sth. Melb. United	15	9	1	5	46	24	19
Sunshine City	15	7	2	6	37	30	16
Preston	15	6	3	6	25	34	15
F.N.D.	14	6	2	6	17	22	14
George Cross	13	4	2	7	22	37	10
Coburg	16	4	2	10	15	45	10
Inter. Harvester	14	3	3	8	18	37	9
Sandringham City	15	1	1	13	15	58	3

George Cross withdrew from Comp'tn.

JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JULY 19, 1952

Under 19 Division

Brighton	14	12	2	0	54	6	26
Juventus	14	11	2	1	45	5	24
Box Hill	13	8	2	3	36	14	18
Sth. Melb. United	15	7	2	6	35	20	16
Northcote	14	6	1	7	19	29	13
Sandringham City	12	3	2	7	18	25	8
Moorabbin City	14	4	0	10	17	43	8
Preston	14	3	1	10	18	42	7
Maccabi	12	1	0	11	7	65	2

Under 17 Division

Brighton "A"	14	12	1	1	56	12	25
Sunshine City	14	10	2	2	50	17	22
Sunshine United	13	9	2	2	76	15	20
Polonia	13	8	2	3	50	13	18
Sth. Melb. United	13	7	2	4	22	21	16
Hakoah	14	6	3	5	25	18	15
Brighton "B"	14	7	0	7	30	44	14
Coburg	13	6	1	6	38	17	13
Sandringham City	13	4	0	9	10	73	8
Preston	11	3	1	7	5	30	7
Box Hill	12	1	3	8	8	41	5
Frankston	14	1	1	12	6	66	3

Under 15 Division

Brighton "A"	16	15	0	1	59	1[illegible]	
Sth. Melb. United	16	12	2	2	54		
Sunshine City	15	12	1	2	102	[illegible]	
Northcote	16	8	4	4	38	22	20
Prahran	15	12	0	3	66	8	18
Moorabbin City	16	6	3	7	40	33	15
Sunshine United	16	6	1	9	56	31	13
Box Hill	16	5	1	10	23	58	11
Sandringham City	15	4	2	9	27	41	10
Preston	15	2	3	10	13	42	7
Park Rangers	16	2	1	13	8	79	5
Brighton "B"	16	1	0	15	1	147	2

Under 14 Division

Coburg "A"	15	13	1	1	82	9	27
Sunshine City	15	13	0	2	138	9	26
Brighton	14	10	1	3	96	10	21
Sth. Melb. United	15	9	0	6	77	30	18
Box Hill "A"	14	7	1	6	60	36	15
Moorabbin City "A"	14	6	1	7	48	71	13
Coburg "B"	15	4	0	11	8	107	8
Moorabbin City "B"	6	1	1	4	6	50	3
Box Hill "B"	14	1	1	12	13	133	3
Essendon	3	0	0	3	2	11	0

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Did He Fall or Was He Pushed?

Copeland (Juventus centre-forward) is about to come a cropper in a tense moment in the rain during the mud-bath with Park Rangers on July 12. Back to the camera is Jock Mackie (Park Rangers) who a moment before saved a certain goal.

Editorial

All communications re Soccer News must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham, S.8, by first post on Monday.

With but two weeks of League fixtures to go the plight of Sunshine United and South Yarra in Division I is becoming desperate. Sunshine has to meet Yallourn and Prahran, and South Yarra has to play Box Hill and Yallourn. Next week will tell the story for both clubs. Sunshine requires at least three points to save their status and South Yarra a minimum of two.

Last week was chiefly famous for the fact that Prahran became the first team to lower the colors of J.U.S.T. in a League contest, although South Yarra could really be credited with a victory the week before. J.U.S.T. has had a wonderful run. In three seasons the club has climbed through the 3rd, 2nd and now the 1st Division, and has played in all 51 League games running without a loss. It is truly a remarkable record, and one which may be expected to stand for some time, although Polonia is showing signs of emulating the J.U.S.T. feat.

It is unfortunate that the Referees' Association has chosen this time to pick a "row" with the V.A.S.F.A. All sporting bodies—amateur ones particularly—have their little difficulties. Possibly the referees may have grievances which the V.A.S.F.A. must consider. We, as outsiders, do not know, but whether they have or not a "strike is hardly the way to achieve a settlement.

What good the worthy gentlemen think can come out of such high-handed action is hard to see. Their influence on life generally is not such that it is impossible for the V.A.S.F.A. to carry on without them.

It would seem that the whistle-blowers have gone off half-cocked. It is to be hoped that a little reflection will cause them to cool down, make the necessary approaches, and come back into the fold. No matter what contumely descends on these much abused gentlemen on the field of play, it is certain one and all realise that their efforts are for the good of the game. Later a round-table conference with the V.A.S.F.A. might clear the air considerably. The first move obviously must come from the referees.

Although it is seven weeks now since the Interstate Carnival, the famous case of Frank Parsons (N.S.W. centre-forward), when he was "sent off" in the N.S.W.-Victoria game, still shows no sign of being heard. In our issue of June 28 our columnist, Rex Benson (Home and Away) dropped a hint that the matter might be dropped. Looks like Rex may have hit the nail on the head.

Soccer in schools is growing apace. Before the season ends a full report will be given in Soccer News. The attitude of the average head-master to soccer is very favorable and the growth of the game in Victoria is now apparent to all. All the volunteers who are assisting the V.A.S.F.A. school coaching scheme have been pleasantly surprised at the keenness of the boys to learn a game which has fascinated them from the kick-off.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 (ALL DAY)

Team	First Round Time	First Round Ground	Second Round Time	Second Round Ground	Third Round Time	Third Round Ground
X Ulisterville "B"	10.00 a.m.	No. 1	12.40 p.m.	No. 1		
Maccabi "B" Box Hill "A"	10.00 a.m.	No. 2			2.00 p.m.	No. 1
Sunshine United "C" Park Rangers "A"	10.20 a.m.	No. 1	12.40 p.m.	No. 2		
University Blacks Woodlands	10.20 a.m.	No.2				
Juventus "B" South Yarra "A"	10.40 a.m.	No. 1	1.00 p.m.	No. 1		
Moorabbin City "B" Prahran "A"	10.40 a.m.	No. 2			2.00 p.m.	Olympic Park
Sunshine United "A" Yallourn "A"	11.00 a.m.	No. 1	1.00 p.m.	No. 2		
Flinders Naval Depot "A" Brighton "B"	11.00 a.m.	No. 2				
Heidelberg "C" Polonia "A"	11.20 a.m.	No. 1	1.20 p.m.	No. 1		
Brighton "C" Dandenong	11.20 a.m.	No. 2			2.20 p.m.	No. 1
Juventus "A" Footscray City "B"	11.40 a.m.	No. 1	1.20 p.m.	No. 2		
Preston "A" Slavia "C"	11.40 a.m.	No. 2				
Slavia "A" Flinders Naval Depot "B"	12.00 noon	No. 1	1.40 p.m.	No. 1		
Heidelberg "B" South Melb. United "B"	12.00 noon	No. 2				
Park Rangers "D" Slavia "B"	12.20 p.m.	No. 1	1.40 p.m.	No. 2	2.20 p.m.	Olympic Park
Footscray City "A" Park Rangers "B"	12.20 p.m.	No. 2				
X South Yarra "B"	10.00 a.m.	No. 3	12.40 p.m.	No. 3		
Sunshine United "B" Yallourn "B"	10.00 a.m.	No. 4			2.00 p.m.	No. 3
Moreland "C" South Yarra "D"	10.20 a.m.	No. 3	12.40 p.m.	No. 4		
Polonia "B" Moreland "B"	10.20 a.m.	No. 4				
Williamstown "B" Frankston	10.40 a.m.	No. 3	1.00 p.m.	No. 3		
Fairfield Moorabbin City "A"	10.40 a.m.	No. 4			2.00 p.m.	No. 4
South Melbourne "C" Footscray City "C"	11.00 a.m.	No. 3	1.00 p.m.	No. 4		
Ulisterville "A" Sandringham "A"	11.00 a.m.	No. 4				
Brighton "D" Box Hill "B"	11.20 a.m.	No. 3	1.20 p.m.	No. 3		
Maccabi "A" Slavia "D"	11.20 a.m.	No. 4			2.20 p.m.	No. 3
South Yarra "C" Park Rangers "C"	11.40 a.m.	No. 3	1.20 p.m.	No. 4		
Preston "B" Heidelberg "A"	11.40 a.m.	No. 4				
University Blues Sandringham "B"	12.00 noon	No. 3	1.40 p.m.	No. 3		
Prahran "B" Moreland "A"	12.00 noon	No. 4			2.20 p.m.	No. 4
Williamstown "A" South Melbourne "A"	12.20 p.m.	No. 3	1.40 p.m.	No. 4		
Brighton "A" Sandringham "C"	12.20 p.m.	No. 4				

X = Bye. Nominations to fill these byes will be accepted up to first post Monday, July 28.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Olympic Park.—All clubs are informed that the council of the V.A.S.F.A. has full control of all matches played at Olympic Park and has full power over all matters which may arise appertaining to the playing of matches on Olympic Park.

Sunday, August 3, 1952.—As previously stated, a lightning premiership will be held on Sunday, August 3. Council has resolved that no other matches shall be played in Melbourne on that date unless permission is requested and granted.

International Harvester.—The new secretary is D. McArthur, 82 Melbourne Road, West Geelong, to whom all correspondence should be sent.

Melbourne Hakoah.—I should like through my column to publicly thank the Hakoah Soccer Club for its co-operation on Saturday, July 19.

Late on the evening of Friday, July 18, I received word that Como Park was unfit for play. On the Saturday morning Hakoah officials inspected grounds at Yarra Park and transferred their junior match to the J.U.S.T. ground at 1.15 p.m. At 2.45 p.m. the Reserve match, Hakoah v. Sunshine City, was played on the same ground.

The Hakoah ground was left vacant and lined off for the important match, Prahran v. J.U.S.T.

To all the officials and players who were inconvenienced by these arrangements, I can only sincerely say thank you all.

S. BEATON, Secretary V.A.S.F.A.

TRAGIC SOCCER INCIDENT

At Timbrell Park, Five Dock (N.S.W.), on a recent Saturday, 39-year-old goalkeeper William Frederick Roberts, of the A.M.P. soccer eleven (of West Sydney Junior Association), collapsed some little time before the final whistle. Despite the attention of first-aid men, he became unconscious and died.

Contrary to other reports of this tragic happening, play was at the other end of the field and no player was near him when the player collapsed. It constitutes one of the most unheard-of happenings in a soccer match throughout the world, and proved a shock to all sections of the N.S.W. soccer community.

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Soccer "Who's Who"—No. 19

OUR CHAIRMAN

By JOHN HAWKER

Born in New Zealand, Mr. Thomas, Chairman of the Victorian Amateur Soccer Football Association, learned football as a member of a junior school team in Wellington. Two years' experience fitted him to become a member of a junior team playing in the Saturday Morning League as well as of his school team, and he progressed each year to the appropriate age-group team until he reached the Under 18's.

The club with which he played, known as the "Old Boys," had no fewer than fourteen teams playing—four in senior divisions and ten others, one in each year-group grade from Under 10 to Under 18.

At eighteen, Mr. Thomas went into senior football. A year later he was nominated as captain and was coached in this position by older members of his team. Reason for this was that most of the players were returned soldiers and aware that none of them had many playing years ahead. It was therefore felt that it would be to the advantage of the club to select and train a younger man with a greater expectation of playing life. Wisdom of the move is reflected by the fact that Mr. Thomas continued in the job for eleven years, until he left New Zealand.

During this period he played in many representative games. In 1922 he played both for Wellington and New Zealand against a touring Australian team and represented New Zealand in Australia in 1923. On this occasion, he recalls, he was the only New Zealand-born player in the team, all the others being English and Scottish migrants. Ten years later there was only one migrant in the side which made a similar tour of Australia.

Back in New Zealand after the Australian tour, he played against the Chinese in 1923, against Canada in 1924, represented both Wellington and New Zealand against the English tourists in 1925, and played in all Tests against the Chinese in 1928.

However, he was destined to travel afield again. The firm for which he worked transferred him to its Melbourne office and he arrived here armed with credentials and his soccer record. Mr. Tom Bingham, then secretary of the V.S.F.A., suggested that Prahran was the best club to join at that time and Bill Thomas played with the Como Park crowd for the next three years before making another move, this time to Tasmania. It was in Launceston that he finally hung up his boots as a player after four years with Tamar, during which he had become a member of both the Tasmanian and Northern Tasmanian Soccer Councils.

In 1939 he returned to Melbourne and, having ceased to play himself, he turned his attention to helping the players of the future. At Brighton, where he had gone to live, he formed a boys' team which next year grew to two and then to three. Mr. Thomas coached them for seven years.

He joined the Brighton committee in 1947 and was president of the club in 1948 and 1949. In the latter year he went as a delegate to the

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OLD EUROPE CAFE

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Soccer "Who's Who" (Contd. from Page 5)

V.A.S.F.A. and was elected to Council. In 1951 he became Deputy-Chairman of Council and this year occupies the chair. In 1950 he was sent to represent Victoria on the Australian Association and was elected to the Federal Council, as well as to the International Tours Committee and the International Selection Board.

He was the organiser of the Jugoslav tour in Victoria in 1950 and of the recent highly-successful Australian Soccer Carnival held in Melbourne in June.

Out of his own experience, our chairman knows the value of adequate coaching. He recalls that on the N.Z. tour of Australia in 1923, the captain, G. Campbell, who was an ex-professional from the Scottish Second Division, regularly coached with team talks and aroused a real interest in the theory of the game.

Mr. Thomas also tells of the ex-Scottish International, Colin Reid, who was engaged as a coach on a five-year contract by the Wellington Association. He played for one full season with each of five clubs, with considerable benefit to all of them.

Firmly convinced of the need for more and better coaching, Mr. Thomas is also very fully aware of the necessity of bringing soccer to the juniors, especially through the schools.

"If we do not foster now the players of tomorrow," he told me, "it'll be the same old story over again. The flow of immigrants will ease off and without local young players to keep it going, soccer will decline as it did in the depression years." We must build the game in the schools and the V.A.S.F.A. is now endeavoring to do so.

And with that sage utterance he turned from me and my notebook and went back to watch the game.

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COMMONWEALTH v. REST OF WORLD, 3.15 P.M.

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HANDS

Remember that it is the intentional handling only that must be penalised. If a full-back saves a certain goal when the ball is deflected by his arm, a penalty should not be awarded if the handling was accidental.

W.A. ENTHUSIASM

Perth authorities report that the Western Australia v. Australia game will take place on August 30. Western Australia trials are already taking place before large crowds on Sundays.

DON'T HURT HIS FEELINGS!

Grounds with public address systems are given the hint not to play the record "Oh, What a Referee" after the game. (It was on the air one morning this week.) One referee in England took action with the governing body when this was done. I think the home team must have lost!

SCHOOLS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The W.A.S.F.A., like the V.A.S.F.A., is making strenuous efforts to have soccer included in the list of sports played in schools. As in Melbourne, balls are being donated to schools interested in starting soccer.

ITALY MATCH RECORD

State receipts for the recent England-Italy soccer international were £55,000—a European record. Official attendance was 94,000, including 10,000 complimentaries! World record for soccer is £125,000 paid by 200,000 who attended the Brazil-Uruguay World Cup final at Rio in 1950. At the 1946 Cup Final between Derby and Charlton, more than £43,000 was taken. These figures are in sterling.

BOUNCING THE BALL

When is a bounce not a bounce? We all know a goalkeeper can run four paces in the area while holding the ball before bouncing it. But is touching the ball to the ground while still holding it strictly legal? I refer to the last match at Olympic Park.

SOMETHING WRONG

At least one member of the Victorian State team who defeated N.S.W. in the Interstate Carnival, is walking around at week-ends now without a game. Rumor has it he tried to transfer too late (no transfers after July 1), but it seems a pity that a player of State calibre should stand on the touch line.

STATE JUNIORS

Great interest is being shown in the Junior State trials each Sunday morning now. Three metropolitan teams (Under 14, 15 and 17) will be travelling to Yallourn to play the Gippsland boys later in the season and the Under 19 boys will play in the Junior Interstate Carnival.

ONE OVER THE EIGHT

Any advance on 9? Since my remarking on Preston's run of eight weeks without a home game, Frankston have told me that they went for nine until last week, and then it rained!

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Dicko,—Up to the present I have been too busy to send anything that might interest you other than a couple of cuttings. However, I talked today with Hasse Jeppson, who is playing here in the Second Class men's singles event and who happens to be the soccer football hero of Sweden and at the same time one of the stars in Italian football.

Jeppson, who is 27, has played soccer and tennis as long as he can recall and for some years it was a toss-up whether he would give most of his time to tennis or football. His best ranking in Swedish tennis was 14th, but there is little doubt that he would have improved on that if he had given the game the time he has spent on football over the past 10 years.

He was the star of amateur football in this country, in which there is no professional league, until he turned professional by joining one of the major Italian teams. He plays centre-forward and only yesterday left the tennis to play a match in Stockholm (a scratch match because he is at present on holidays from the Italian league) and scored five goals. He is stockily built, but moves wonderfully fast. I can see how well he moves on the tennis court and I can readily understand his repute for being both smart with his feet and head—and I use head in the double sense of soccer.

Sweden is playing in the Olympic Soccer, of course, but does not expect to do as well this time as in 1948. Since that successful year far too many leading amateurs have joined the gold rush to Italy.

Sorry this is so short, but I have a large pile of correspondence to do. Hope this finds you well and soccer thriving.—Yours, etc,

HARRY HOPMAN.

Bastad, Sweden, July 11, 1952.

Sir,—May I, through the medium of Soccer News, reply to the sender of the article in the July 5 issue headed Peninsula Soccer Association, and sub-headed Frankston. Your correspondent's article says that the referee, on the occasion of the Mornington v. Frankston game, gave decisions that were classed as terrible and disheartening, and he suggests that the P.S.A. try and arrange to have experienced referees for these matches. In the first instance, may I suggest to your correspondent that a more tolerant attitude be adopted to these inexperienced referees who do the job "gratis" and who are prepared to take the adverse comments of all concerned, knowing that it is only thus that they shall become experienced, and will, in the seasons to come, pay dividends. I should also like to suggest that players and spectators alike, seeing soccer for the first time, become more acquainted with the rules of the game, upon which the referee has to make a split second decision. He being on the spot sees incidents that do not seem apparent to many. The management committee have done everything possible to have classes for those wishing to learn the rules, but up to date have found very few who are willing to place themselves in the position where, sometimes severe, and often unwarranted criticism is levelled against them. I suggest that, as management, players and spectators are just learning, in many instances, they have in mind seasons to come when everyone concerned will have more experience.—Yours, etc.,

J. NUTTALL, Mornington.

[We are sorry that our Frankston correspondent seems to have raised a "hornet's nest" in Mornington. This is not the only letter on the subject. As we do not wish to start any fight in a fine new association, and as both sides have spoken, correspondence on the subject is now closed. We will say, however, that all "Refs" have got a rotten job and no matter how they try they always are on the wrong end of the stick and have our sympathy. —EDITOR.]

Referees must have a grand sense of humor. In fact, I would say they HAVE to have one. In last week's Soccer News (Victoria), the "Who's Who" feature was the State's leading whistler, Mr. Lyn Van Pelt. The story was a splendid one, but by some misadventure was followed by an advert. which told of an optometrist who conducted eye examinations.—From Soccer Weekly News (N.S.W.).

Sir,—I will get in first, dear reader; my handkerchief is out and I am crying, so listen to my moans. How long is the association going to allow leading teams to accommodate visiting teams with such deplorable dressing accommodation? A few seasons ago clubs were compelled to have proper accommodation or not allowed to play in the First Division. This is only a reasonable condition as all clubs must agree. Now for a bouquet to the association: after 25 years of active interest in the game in Australia I think the association is making a good job out of the difficult problems, so I would appeal to all interested in the game not to let the golden opportunity slip of putting the game on a sound footing by petty quarrels, but to pull together for the sake of the game.—Yours, etc.,

BILL BOWMAN, Deer Park.

Sir,—Early in the season you published a photo of the Municipal Stadium at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Would it be possible to publish a photo of the famous Wembley Stadium, England, on Cup Day?—Yours, etc.,

JAMES FINLAY.

[We will see if we can locate a good photo of Wembley Stadium for you, Mr. Finlay.—EDITOR.]

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Walking around one State school last week "Dicko" bumped into a tall boy with a maroon tie on and with "Motherwell Football Club" on it. A long way from home!

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Around the Clubs

COBURG UNITED

Coburg were beaten by Preston, 6-1, in a hard and tough game. The ground was like a lake. Water wings were the order of the day. Coburg were outclassed in every quarter on the day and the elements were against them. Best players were Delany, Bryan and B. White. Goal: A. Reed.

Reserves drew with Preston Reserves, neither side scoring. Without an official referee the game went on with no holds barred. The Reserves forward line missed many easy shots for goal (sitting shots), but a draw is better than losing. Best players were Blackwood, Cox, Noran.

Juniors: Under 17, Frankston lost to Coburg, 3-1. Under 14 "A," Coburg drew with Brighton, 3-3. Under 14 "B," Sunshine once again showed what good sportsmen they are by kicking 19 to nil.

FRANKSTON

Last Saturday at Ringwood Frankston played disappointing soccer and should consider themselves very lucky to come away with a share of the points. The ground, unfortunately, did not help good soccer and one half was a real mud heap. Frankston lost the toss and kicked down the slope, which meant their forwards had the mud against them at the start. The game was very even throughout and on a dry ground an interesting match would have resulted.

Ringwood opened the scoring after 30 minutes of the first half with a lucky shot which went under the goalie's body. Frankston replied with the equaliser within five minutes with another lucky goal which just trickled into the corner of the net. The second half was very even, with both sides trying hard for the winning goal. Result: Frankston, 1; Ringwood, 1.

Ringwood are to be complimented on their very clean game, and also the ladies are to be thanked for their hospitality.

Mr. Prior, of Frankston, who refereed the game, is to be thanked for his capable handling of the game. Both captains proved this after the game by thanking him personally.

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Frankston Juniors were defeated in their last League game by 3 goals to 1. Although at the bottom of the league the club appreciates the keenness of these lads and hopes that the experience gained this season will stand them in good stead for next season.

HAKOAH

In the match of the day, at Olympic Park, Hakoah put on an excellent display of wet weather football. The ground did not afford a firm foothold anywhere. Passes from man to man cut Sunshine City's defence to pieces again and again. Thanks to safe keeping by Sunshine's goalie and sluggish play by Hakoah's centre-forward, the score increased most leisurely. Sunshine missed a penalty, given for an accidental hand, and Hakoah returned the compliment a little later. Resuming the second half with Hakoah 1-0, Sunshine faded out of the picture. One of their players left the ground due to a hurt ankle, at the score of 3-0. With Hakoah's defence impregnable and feeding their forwards well, two more goals brought the total to 5-0 after a game that never slackened in speed.

MORELAND

Against the Navy at Flinders, we equalled and passed the existing Australian record of goals scored by any team during a Lague competition. R. Hardman played to form by netting four and L. Gilbert collected a brace, one of which was a picture header from twelve yards. The second half was a woeful exhibition of play, and only proved that, as we can rise to great heights, we can also drop to greater depths. With three more games to play our target of 100 goals seems to be within reach. Our Reserve team is also going "great guns," and isn't going to be outdone by the Firsts. Season 1953 will see us take our place once more in the First Division, and the team spirit and social atmosphere this year auger well for our return "upstairs." It would be fitting at this stage of the season to give praise to our finest supporter, namely, "Pop" Barclay. Hail, rain or snow doesn't deter this die-hard from attending all games with that welcome orange at half-time. To you, "Pop," "We dips our lids."—PAT CLARKE.

PARK RANGERS

Last Saturday a fast, vigorous match ended in a victory for Brighton, 4-3.

Apart from a penalty converted by Stoddart for the visitors, each goal scored was well earned, either through dashing individual play or excellent combination. Brighton just missed scoring in the first ten seconds, but it was Mulcahy (P.R.) who notched the first point after a solo effort in which he beat two defenders. Before half-time Stoddart and Barr had replied for the visitors, and then Brien rounded off a movement which started on the right-wing, making the score 2-2 at the interval.

Brighton gained a two-goal lead through Balabanski and McKenzie.

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Nelson reduced the deficit for Rangers after following up a loose ball.

Apart from the goalkeepers, the outstanding players from two good teams were Nelson, Howison, Mackie and McLeod for Rangers and Balabanski, Barr, Parvin and Drummond for Brighton.

SOUTH YARRA

Yarra were very lucky to draw with Footscray. The visitors did most of the attacking and only the sound defence of the home team enabled them to divide the points. Footscray forwards missed many good chances and it was evident that luck was not with them. Both teams were flat out to win, to enable them to stay in the First Division. The game was played in a hard, though very clean manner, and it is hard to understand how Footscray are so far down the list. Congratulations to the referee of this game. His control of the game and his ability to keep up with the ball was a delight and he was one of the best we have had yet.

Yarra Reserves continued on with another win. Keep it up, boys. Goal scorers for Yarra were Lott, Demint, Kinnard and Lamb.

Don't forget the tip to Ballarat on Sunday, 27th. Parlor bus leaves corner Commercial Road and Chapel Street, South Yarra, Sunday morning at 9.30 sharp.—BILL BINYON.

Border District Association

The largest crowd this season last Sunday saw Wodonga play fast, open football to beat Bandiana 2 goals to 0 in the final of the Williamson Cup.

Wodonga were yards faster on the ground than their opponents and never at any stage looked like losing.

Defences of both teams were excellent. Kraus, Wowk, Londkowski and Luc were a tower of strength for Wodonga. Best players for Bandiana were Woolford (capt.), Wright, Pearce and Oustraka. Bottari for Wodonga was outstanding in attack, scoring the two goals (one a penalty).

The large crowd gathered around when the donor, Mr. Williamson, presented the cup to the Wodonga captain (Mik Bereza).

At Cobram last Saturday Albury City beat the local team, 4-1.

Albury Juniors lost to Cobram Seconds, 1-0. The lads were not put to shame as the Cobram team comprised men twice their size. Krimponski, Aikenis and Heise were Albury City's best players.—CLEM MARTIN.

Northern Victoria Association

On Saturday, 12th, the first semi-final was played between Dookie College and Shepparton Rovers. It was a very good game and Shepparton Rovers won, 2-1. The score at half-time was 2-0, and although the College dominated in the second half, they only managed to score one goal.

The second semi-final was postponed because of appalling conditions. This between Benalla Golds and Shepparton United was played last Saturday, Benalla winning 3-2.

The W. S. James cup final will be played at the College ground today.

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Junior Association Notes

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PREMIERSHIP PROSPECTS

Today's match at Hurlingham Park between the Under 19 Junior teams of Brighton and Juventus should settle the question who will be the Divisional Champions for 1952. Brighton is favored to take the title, for at the present stage they have a two-point advantage over Juventus. In their one remaining League game they meet Preston (low down on the League ladder), and Juventus meet Box Hill (running third).

The two top teams also meet today in the Under 17 Division. Brighton "A" has a three-point advantage over their opponents, Sunshine City, but any of three teams can win this section yet, particularly if Brighton "A" suffer a reverse today. Brighton "A's" other remaining match is against the third top team, Sunshine United.

Brighton are also leading the Under 15 Division. They suffered their first defeat of the season last week, but still have a four-point lead on the ladder. They still have to meet the second top team, South Melbourne United, but the third team, Sunshine City, are a game behind these two teams, and could take the title, particularly if they manage a win over the strong Prahran team today.

Coburg "A," leading team of the Under 14 Division, although holding a solitary point advantage over Sunshine City, seems set for the premiership. They cannot lose their two remaining games.

BOX HILL UNDER 15

South took their kick-off and, after several attempts to goal, Roberts scored. Seconds later South attacked again and Moulton made the score 2-0. South Melbourne's cohesive play contrasted the poor individual play of Box Hill, which is the only team in the Under 15 League without a coach. The Hillmen rallied after half-time, but they could not prevent Roberts from scoring, despite the constant repelling by Fritz Watsford, Box Hill's goalie. Three further goals were added to South's score by Hocking, Dodd and Adam. Box Hill failed badly in the forward zone and their backs also played a poor game. Best for South Melbourne were Adam, Moulton, Hocking, and for Box Hill, Fritz Watsford.—RUDOLPH.

PRAHRAN UNDER 15

With the team back to normal and playing as they were coached to do, Prahran were victors over Sandringham by 6 goals to nil. In the first half,

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though Prahran could not settle down, the Junior "Hammers" made several breaks through our defence. Twice they had "dead certs" lined up but just could not put the finishing touch against Boratojs, Prahran's custodian, who collected and cleared the ball well. We had along our "spares," Johnny Brown, Alan Cait and Nipper Moore, who are anxiously waiting for next season for our Under 14 team.

Two points, in conclusion: How about using that head to a high ball, and watch those arms.—S. B. OWEN.

SOUTH MELBOURNE UNITED UNDER 14

The newly formed Essendon team visited Middle Park last Saturday and although defeated 4-1 by a more experienced team, they were far from disgraced. For a team that had only played two previous soccer matches, their performance against South Melbourne was an eye-opener to many, and Mr. Beveride, their manager and coach will have little difficulty in moulding a combination that will next season cause many teams a headache. South Melbourne attacked consistently in the first half but the Essendon defenders were a match for them and at half-time the score was 1-1. The second half saw Essendon with a little more determination in their half-back and forward lines, but South Melbourne's experience prevailed, and they added another three goals, making the final score 4-1. Clauscen, for South Melbourne, was the best player afield.

SOUTH MELBOURNE UNITED UNDER 15

South Melbourne's Under 15 team won comfortably last Saturday against Box Hill by 6 goals to nil. Opening play was ragged, but after twenty minutes of play South settled down and took complete control of the game. Half-time scores were 3-0. The second half again saw South constantly in attack. Sargent (centre-half), Balish (left-half) and McLean (right-half) proved a formidable line.

The Under 14 and Under 15 teams will be entertained at a pie night at the Middle Park Scout Hall on Wednesday next, July 30.

SWINBURNE TECHNICAL SCHOOL

At the request of the boys, soccer was introduced as a winter sport in 1951. After only one practice match League fixtures were undertaken, so it was not until late in the season that a settled team was fielded.

This year an earlier start was made and very soon the gaps made by boys who had left school were made good. Only two of the regular players were not born in Australia, so that the school can truthfully boast that it is really expanding the game among the juniors. Apart from the first eleven there are about 40 other young hopefuls with more enthusiasm than skill. At the time of writing the school record is:—Played 7, won 2, lost 3, drawn 2. Goals, for, 16; against, 12. By the time these note appear we shall have played Oakleigh in the final League game and will be looking forward to the knock-out tie against Footscray, when we hope to avenge our defeat of the first game of the season.

The boys appreciate the interest shown by three members of the staff and also wish to thank Mr. Dixon for his visit. We assure him that soccer has come to stay at Swinburne.

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Peninsula Soccer Association

MORNINGTON OUT OF CUP

Saturday last saw the hardest match of the season between Mornington and Army School of Signals. At the finish the ground was a quagmire. Kick-off was at 2.55. Mr. Nuttall was the referee. Signals won the toss. Right through the game every player played hard and the pace never slackened. It was not long before all players were covered with mud. Mornington after two very near misses scored the first goal by McCarthy, Mornington's centre-forward. At half-time Mornington were leading 2-0. The second half commenced in a fast and furious pace which was maintained until the end. Signals scored 4 goals and Mornington 1. The Mornington goal-keeper in this half, after saving a good shot, lost his balance and fell back into the goal still clutching the ball. This was unfortunate for Mornington. However, it is all in the game. Without doubt, this was the match of the season and the spectators went home really satisfied with their afternoon's sport. The score was 4-3 against Mornington. It was anybody's match until the end. Goal scorers were, for Mornington, McCarthy (2) and Gilmore, and for Signals, Greer, Richardson, Hughes, Evans.

FRANKSTON

Owing to the non-arrival of the Army Apprentice "B" team, the match with Frankston was cancelled.

Latrobe Valley Association

A.P.M. 3 DEFEAT R.A.A.F 1

Under ideal conditions the game opened up with the R.A.A.F. left-wing taking the ball towards the A.P.M. goal, but the ball was cleared by centre-half, Montgomery. Play was brisk, with the ball swinging from end to end, with the R.A.A.F. left-wing always a danger. After 15 minutes out-side-right, McDonald (A.P.M.), scored what seemed a lucky goal. R.A.A.F. soon replied and three minutes later their centre-forward equalised. The game continued to give the spectators plenty of excitement and half-time came with the score 1-1.

The second half opened up with the A.P.M. half-back line taking control of the game, and after 10 minutes McDonald scored another lovely goal. R.A.A.F. forwards, who had been so prominent in the first half fell away and were seldom seen except in occasional raids which were soon stopped by the A.P.M. defence. After 85 minutes Tosh scored for the A.P.M. The game finished with the score, A.P.M., 3; R.A.A.F., 1.

The referee was Jock McGill (ex-Scottish Junior International).

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